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HYDROPHILIC MACROMOLECULES AND  
IMMOBILIZING THE HYDROPHILIC  
MACROMOLECULES ON A HYDROPHOBIC SURFACE

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